REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to a Communication dated August 24, 2005. Applicants have herewith provided a Substitute Amendment for the Amendment previously filed on August 9, 2004. The present Substitute Amendment shows the amendments made to the claims in the Amendment filed on August 9, 2004, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.173.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to accept the present Substitute Amendment of the Amendment filed August 9, 2004.

The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted if any questions or concerns arise.

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